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FOR AMBASSADOR RUSH (EUR/WE)

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SUBJECT: PRESENTATION OF LETTERS OF CREDENCE

1. PRESENTATION OF LETTERS OF CREDENCE IN FRANCE IS GOVERNED BY PROTOCOL. THE QUAI HAS PROVIDED US WITH A DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE CEREMONY WHICH WE WILL HAVE READY FOR YOU UPON YOUR ARRIVAL. YOU SHOULD KNOW, HOWEVER, THAT THE DRESS FOR THE OCCASION IS DARK BUSINESS SUIT.
2. THE QUAI ASKS THAT YOU ARRANGE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AFTER YOU ARRIVE FOR THE TEXT OF YOUR "REMARKS" AT THE CEREMONY TO BE SENT TO THE OFFICE OF PROTOCOL. THEY SHOULD BE NO MORE THAN ABOUT TWO PAGES IN LENGTH. THEY ARE NOT RPT NOT, HOWEVER, READ BUT SIMPLY EXCHANGED THROUGH THE EMBASSY AND THE QUAI D'ORSAY BEFORE THE CEREMONY. BOTH TEXTS WILL BE RELEASED TO THE PRESS BY THE ELYSEE.
3. WE WOULD APPRECIATE IT IF YOU WOULD SEND US BY TELEGRAM THE APPROVED VERSION OF YOUR REMARKS SO THAT WE CAN PREPARE THEM FOR PRESENTATION TO THE QUAI SHORTLY AFTER YOU ARRIVE.

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4. DRAFT REMARKS: QUOTE -- MR. PRESIDENT: IT IS

A HIGH HONOR FOR ME TO PRESENT TO YOU THE LETTER BY WHICH THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA ACCREDITS ME AS HIS AMBASSADOR TO FRANCE.

5. AS YOU HAVE INDICATED ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS, MR. PRESIDENT, OUR RESPECTIVE COMMITMENT TO DEMOCRACY, OUR SHARED IDEALS FOR LIBERAL SOCIETIES AND OUR MUTUAL ASPIRATIONS FOR WORLD PEACE HAVE UNITED OUR TWO PEOPLES FOR NEARLY TWO CENTURIES. TODAY, IN AN INTERDEPENDENT WORLD THAT IS CHANGING RAPIDLY, IT IS MORE VITAL THAN EVER BEFORE THAT WE STRENGTHEN AND BUILD UPON THESE COMMON HISTORICAL BONDS.

6. WE HAVE ARRIVED AT WHAT APPEARS TO BE A MAJOR TURNING POINT IN HISTORY. THE POST-WAR ECONOMIC REVIVAL OF WESTERN EUROPE IS COMPLETE AND, UNDER FRENCH STIMULUS, THE PROCESS OF EUROPEAN UNIFICATION HAS BEEN GIVEN NEW LIFE. DETENTE IS REPLACING THE VESTIGES OF THE COLD WAR. JAPAN AND CHINA HAVE EMERGED AS MAJOR POWER CENTERS. THE MAJORITY OF THE EARTH'S PEOPLES IN THE DEVELOPING WORLD ARE SEEKING THEIR PLACE IN THE SUN. THE ONCE SACROSANCT CONCEPT OF ECONOMIC GROWTH IS NOW SUBJECT TO QUESTION BY THE REALITY OF THE LIMITATIONS ON AVAILABLE RESOURCES. THESE RAPIDLY UNFOLDING DEVELOPMENTS PRESENT OPPORTUNITIES AND CHALLENGES TO WESTERN SOCIETY AND TO THE MORE EQUITABLE AND STABLE WORLD ECONOMIC ORDER TO WHICH OUR TWO GOVERNMENTS ARE COMMITTED. THERE IS NO QUESTION, MR. PRESIDENT, THAT THE UNITED STATES AND FRANCE CAN FRUITFULLY COOPERATE IN ADVANCING THESE FUNDAMENTAL MUTUAL INTERESTS. AS I PRESENT MY LETTERS OF CREDENCE, THEREFORE, I ALSO TRANSMIT MY GOVERNMENT'S AND MY PERSONAL PLEDGE TO SEIZE EVERY OPPORTUNITY TO DEEPEN AND EXTEND EXISTING COOPERATION. WITH THIS OBJECTIVE UPPERMOST IN MY MIND, I LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH YOU AND WITH THE MEMBERS OF YOUR GOVERNMENT.

7. IN CONCLUSION, I ALSO WISH TO TRANSMIT THE WARM PERSONAL GREETINGS AND HIGH ESTEEM OF PRESIDENT FORD.

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HE IS LOOKING FORWARD WITH GREAT PLEASURE TO HIS VISIT TO MARTINIQUE NEXT MONTH AND TO HIS MEETING WITH YOU AS THE BEGINNING OF AN INCREASINGLY CLOSE AND PRODUCTIVE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN FRANCE AND THE UNITED STATES. END UOTE.
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